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PATENT

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are currently pending in the present office action. The Applicant has amended claims 2 and 19 and cancelled claims 1 and 18.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2-17 and 19-31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended claims 2 and 19 to include all of the limitations of independent claims 1 and 18, respectively. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-17 and 19-31 are patentable over the cited references and in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are patentable and in condition for allowance.

The Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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